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1. THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FROM THE DRAFT AMCHAM "POSITION PAPER" TRANSMITTED REFTEL IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS: "ALTHOUGH THE FULL U.S. EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM IS STILL IN EFFECT, A NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSES FOR U.S. EXPORTS TO VIETNAM HAVE BEEN GRANTED AS A RESULT OF VIETNAMESE ACTION ON AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION (MIAS). INDEED, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR HABIB, APPROVAL WAS "PROMPTLY GRANTED" FOR ALL OUTSTANDING UNCLASSIFIED

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS AFTER THE RELEASE TO THE MONTGOMERY

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THREE AMERICAN BODIES LAST
DECEMBER."

2. LEST MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARISE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO CLARIFY TO THE HONG KONG APCAC CHAMBER THAT ALL
LICENSE APPROVALS TO DATE WERE RELATED TO PRIVATE HUMANI-
TARIAN AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT NOT
TO ANY DIRECT COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN ENTITIES
SUBJECT TO U.S. JURISDICTION AND VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA. AS
IN THE PAST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXAMINE SUCH CHARITABLE
REQUESTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND TO TAKE INTO

CONSIDERATION BOTH LEGITIMATE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AND
ACTIONS BY THESE COUNTRIES TOWARD US. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER,
THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO MOVE TOWARD A RELAXATION OF OUR
CONTROLS ON DIRECT COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.
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